

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

The following is a summary of a telephonic interview between Examiners Jeffrey K. Wong and James S. McClellan, and Applicants' representative, Michael L. Day on December 30, 2010. Applicants thank the Examiners for their time and consideration.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

No exhibits or demonstrations were discussed.

Identification of Claims Discussed

The currently pending claims were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Loose, US Pat Pub 20040161115, and *Neal*, US Pat. 6,237,057.

Proposed Amendments

No claim amendments were discussed.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicants submitted that *Loose*, even in view of *Neal*, fails to disclose, as previously claimed, a master gaming controller or CPU, a digital sound system comprising a digital signal processor configured to produce audio output for one or more speakers, and a programmable logic device interposed between the master gaming controller and the digital sound system, wherein the programmable logic device and master gaming controller are communicatively coupled by a control line, an address line, and a data line, and said control line and said address line are configured such that information can only be sent from the master gaming controller to the programmable logic device, and said data line is configured such that data bits may be sent in both directions.

Results of Interview

The Examiners acknowledged the foregoing deficiencies in the prior art of record and requested Applicants to submit a response to the Final Office Action formalizing arguments to that effect.